

13 August.

Dear Michael,

This is just a quick note to say goodbye. I'm sorry I couldn't get to see you in person before you ~~to~~ went on holiday.

We've finally received our visas and tickets & we're due to fly out this Friday. We're both very excited of course; after all these months of waiting we can't quite believe that it's actually happening at last. I'm also very nervous about the transition from student to lecturer & my new role as a fully fledged 'academic' — I hope I'm up to scratch!

Anyway, whatever happens it'll be an adventure.

I started writing an 'improved' (at least I hope it is!) version of the paper a few months ago, but I've not felt very enthusiastic about it

& obviously there's not been a lot of free time available



recently ~~for~~ for me to work on it. Still, I hope to complete it not long after I arrive in Campinas (I'm sure I'll be asked to give a talk or two & that seems the easiest choice) & I'll certainly send you a copy to read & pass judgement on! I'm beginning to feel something of a sense of urgency as there seems to be more & more papers published dealing with the same, or at least similar, subject. I noticed another in *Lettere Al Nuovo Cimento* (43 16 Aug 1985 p383) which deals with indistinguishability in physics, although I haven't had a chance to read it yet.

Well, all that remains is for me to say thank you for all your help and guidance & perseverance over the last 7 years or so. It's been a wonderful experience working under you & I'm immensely grateful for all you've taught me. I hope all goes well with the move to KC & that the Dept will continue to flourish. I'll keep in touch & let you know how things are going in Campinas. All the very best to you & your family,

Best Wishes
Steven.